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Ms. Magalie R. Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notification of *Pro Forma* Assignment of Section 214 Authority
File Numbers ITC-98-342 and ITC-98-342A

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to Section 63.24(b) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.24(b), this is to notify the Commission that the international Section 214 authorization in the AMERICAS-II submarine cable¹ held by GTE Communications Corporation ("GTECC") is being assigned to GTE Telecom Incorporated ("GTE Telecom"). Both GTECC and GTE Telecom are wholly owned by GTE Corporation. GTECC's interest in the AMERICAS-II cable amounts to approximately 2.1692 per cent.

This *pro forma* assignment is being made in conjunction with GTE's spin-off of certain assets prior to consummation of the GTE-Bell Atlantic merger. The further transfer of control of GTE Telecom and its international authorizations is the subject of an Application also filed today. That Application for transfer of control contains a detailed description of the subsequent transactions affecting GTE Telecom.

This is to certify that GTECC and GTE Telecom are both wholly owned subsidiaries (directly or indirectly) of GTE Corporation ("GTE") and that the assignment of GTECC's interest in the AMERICAS-II cable is a *pro forma* transaction not subject to the requirements of Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules (47 C.F.R. § 63.18) since there is no change in ultimate corporate control under GTE.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Gould".

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¹ In the Matter of AT&T Corp. et al., File No. ITC-98-342 and ITC-98-342A, Memorandum Opinion, Order and Authorization, DA 98-2294, 13 FCC Rcd 22534 (1998).